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SUMMARY OF PERSONAL INTERVIEW
(SUPPLEMENTING AMENDMENT B)

Sir:

This response is a summary of the Interview conducted on May 10, 2004, with the Examiner and her supervisor. At the interview, applicant's representative discussed various features recited in the claims that are not taught by the cited references. In particular, the lack of teaching a second connecting means, a synchronization bus, and a clock selecting circuit were pointed out to the Examiner and her supervisor. Both agreed that the prior art did not teach the items discussed as recited in the claims. Further, the submission of new, broader claims with limitations similar to those already in the case was also discussed.

Applicant has previously submitted an RCE along with a response to the last Office action.

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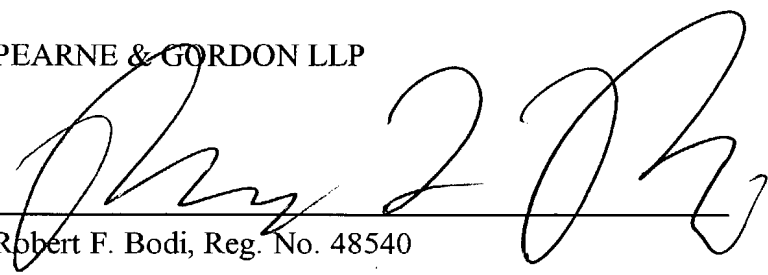
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